

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 20, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SAULSBURY made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 184.]

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Rebecca A. Correl, widow of Isaac Correl, submitted the following:*

That it appears at the second session of the 35th Congress, the petitioner applied for a pension; that the action of the committee was favorable, and that they submitted the accompanying report, which your committee beg leave to adopt, which is as follows:

“It appears from the evidence before the committee that the petitioner was married to the late Isaac Correll on the 7th day of July, 1842; that her husband enlisted at McVeytown, Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, on the 25th day of February, 1847, in the eleventh regiment of United States infantry, and went with said regiment to Mexico; that while in the service he was taken sick, in consequence of the exposure and hardships of the campaign, and honorably discharged for disability on the 14th of November, 1847; that returning home, he never recovered his health, but lingered till the month of June, 1852, when he died of the disease contracted in Mexico.

“The petitioner has heretofore applied to the Commissioner of Pensions for relief, and been refused a pension on the ground that her case does not come within the strict meaning of the laws. The objections to her claim are set forth in a letter from the Commissioner, dated January 11, 1859, which says:

“‘A pension has not been allowed under the general laws, because the evidence adduced has not been deemed sufficient to show that the disease of which the husband died was contracted while in the military service and in the line of duty.’

“The fact that the petitioner’s husband contracted the disease of which he died in the ‘line of duty’ appears sufficiently proved by the testimony of private Hall, Corporal Coulter, and Brevet Captain McCoy; and Captain Irwin’s, commanding company D, is direct and positive, stating his firm belief that the disability for which the deceased was discharged, and from which he never recovered, resulted from the severe duty and great exposure of the campaign.

“Your committee are of opinion that the case is within the equity and spirit of the law, and therefore report a bill for the relief of the petitioner.”

The committee report the accompanying bill for her relief.

